

Early Church HOPE

1 Thessalonians

October 18th, 2020



INTRO: "HOPE Matters" - depending on your Destiny.

RAPTURE - Jesus' Return to Resurrect (*both living and dead Believers*) and Take His Church to Heaven.

✓ The Rapture (including the Return of Christ and the resurrection of believers) is a fully developed doctrine of the New Testament. The NT doctrine of Jesus' Return and the physical Resurrection of His Church (Believers) is dramatically emphasized throughout the NT. John 11:28,29; 14:1-6; Romans 8:16-23; 1 Cor 15; 2 Cor 4:16-5:8; Phil 3:20,21; 1 Thes 1:6-9; 4:13-18; 5:1-11; 2 Thes 1:1-7; 2:1-6; Titus 2:11-13; 2 Peter 2:5-11; 3:1-7; 1 John 3:1-3; Rev 3:6-13

✓ Paul, the Thessalonians & the Rapture. 1 Thes 1:3,10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:1-11, 23

BIG IDEA - we need to recalculate our lives according to the Early Church _____

Rapture H.O.P.E.



1. **Hope in Jesus' Sudden** _____. 1:3; 4:15

✓ ...that inspires _____. ^{****} 1:3; 2:19; 3:13; 4:18; 5:23

✓ ...that Grasps the _____. 4:15; Philippians 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53;

2. **Ordained for Sure** _____, 1:10



✔ ...from the Coming _____. 1:10;
5:9,10; 2 Peter 2:6-9; Revelation 3:6-13;

✔ ...to Heaven's _____. John 14:3-5

3. **Picture the Promised** _____, 4:13-18

✔ ...with Crucial New _____. 4:13-15

✔ ...that charts specific _____. 4:16-18

4. **Exercise with Prepared** _____, 5:1-11

✔ ...that _____ alertly. 1:10; 5:8; Luke 12:37

✔ ...that _____ from Spiritual Slumber. 5:6-8

✔ ...that _____ with Great Promises. 5:8-11

Life Action Steps: ***Share Early Church Hope:***

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🕯️ **Lesson for Kids and others** – How have you seen Hope make a difference when someone was ready to Quit?

1. How did the Holy Spirit show us that the Rapture is important to us today?
- **1 Thes 1:3,10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:1-11, 23**?
2. **Hope in Jesus' Sudden RETURN** – What did you learn about the Resurrection in **1 Corinthians 15:35-37; 38-41;42-50 & 51-55**?
3. **Ordained for Sure RESCUE.** – **1:10** – Why is the timing of the Rapture so important to God – **Revelation 3:10**?
4. **Picture the Promised REUNION** - **4:13-18** – what details does Paul give us about the Rapture here? – How is that important to our enduring Hope?
5. **Exercise for Prepared READINESS** - **5:1-11** –How should the Rapture effect our Readiness in **5:5:8,11**? What if it doesn't - **5:5:9,10**?

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Weekly RBC 2020 Prayer Guide



Interceding for our Nation, Just like Daniel. [Daniel 9:1-19](#)

DAY	Daily Prayer Focus
EVERYDAY	REOPENING – <i>for a wise and faithful pathway to reopen our state/ nation. For Unity for our forever family's Restart. That we would value Love over personal preferences and opinions.</i> Romans 14:1-4 ; 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13
Sunday	CHURCHES – Local & Global – Pastors, Missionaries & Ministries - That we would know how to best show and declare the Love of Christ in this Time and that God would supply our financial needs. Colossians 4:2 ; Eph 6:18,19
Monday	CHILDREN – <i>for our Children's Ministry – restart. For the education of our children and students - our Schools, Teachers and staff and for our Parents.</i> Matthew 19:14
Tuesday	Health Care – Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Hospitals, Supplies & Equipment & First Responders – for all those on the frontline caring for the sick for their Protection, wisdom and Strength. <i>For our People to be protected from this disease.</i> James 5:13-16
Wednesday	LEADERS – those in our Federal, state & local Gov't – that they would have wisdom and work in harmony. 1 Timothy 2:1-6 Pray that our Nation would bless Israel and for the Peace of Jerusalem. Gen 12,15,17 ; Psalm 122 ➔ For our President's Recovery
Thursday	RACIAL TENSION – <i>for Healing in the heart of the black community & Radical repentance against racial Prejudice and - for protection & guidance for our Law enforcement officers.</i> Colossians 3:11,12
Friday	MARRIAGE & FAMILY – Protect our Marriages from the Enemy's attacks. Colossians 3:18-21
Saturday	Physical, Social, Emotional Well-being & Spiritual Awakening of our forever Family – that we would return to Gather for worship and Service. Ephesians 4:11-16

♥ 19 “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” [Matthew 18:19,20](#)